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Kewanna Alums Reunite

Kewanna High School alumni and their guests gather Saturday evening, May 20, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna for the association's 54th annual banquet. Bob Clyde, class of 1970 and association president, was the master of ceremonies. Steve Rude, class of 1959 and vice president, offered the invocation prior to the meal catered by Lynn's Coffee Shop.

Following the meal, the president offered his appreciation to several who helped make the evening possible including Lynn Downhour and her staff for the meal; St. Ann's for the use of their building; Winamac Coil Spring for the use of their postage machine; his wife and fellow officers for their efforts; and Bev Baldwin and Beth Weller for keeping the address list updated.

Marcia Skinner Link, class of 1970, read the minutes of the 2005 gathering and George Hoover, class of 1955, offered the treasurer's report.

Steve Rude read the names of those alumni who passed away during the last year and a moment of silence was observed in their honor. The deceased include Herman Barkey, class of 1926; Frank Greer, class of 1929; Lois Smith Dykema, class of 1930; Mary Ruth DeVault Brown, class of 1935; Cleon (Sam) Overmyer and Francis Gillespie McKee, class of 1936; Alice Garner House, class of 1937; Howard Summers, class of 1938; Catherine Dwyer Herder, class of 1940; John Agnew, Sr., Damon Miller and Robert Hickie, class of 1941; Jean Reason Long, Arvin Gillespie and Edith Baldwin Wolf, class of 1944; Ruth Cannon Scheffer, class of 1952; Bill DeWitt, class of 1955; Larry Kruger, class of 1956; Fred Luhnow, class of 1963; and Barb DeWitt Killian, class of 1976. Two teachers who passed away since last year's gathering, Joan Carr and Charles F. Byfield, were also honored.

The class of 1956, which graduated 50 years ago, and the class of 1981, which graduated 25 years ago, were recognized. Larry Mason was the spokesperson for the class of 1956. Former teacher and class sponsor, Diana Hill Donathen, performed the honors for the class of 1981.

All alumni introduced themselves and their guests during the roll call of classes. Helen Miller was the oldest alumnus present and Rhonda Hoff Lockhart was the youngest.

Former high school basketball coach and teacher, Ed Clark, shared his thoughts on teaching at Kewanna. He coached and taught here in 1968, his first year out of college. Clark is now retired. Those assembled also heard from former superintendent, Dr. Charles Bernhardt, Mrs. Donathen and former home economics teacher, Wilma Woolever Hasman, who is

Methodist Church Selling Chicken Halves

The Kewanna United Methodist Church is selling tickets for carry-out Amish chicken. The rotisserie-cooked chicken is prepared by Rochester Meat and Deli. Tickets are \$5 for half a chicken and can be purchased from various church members and at The Observer. The chickens can be picked up at the church on the corner of Toner and Pearl Streets in Kewanna from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

Purchasers also have the option of purchasing chicken to be frozen and distributed through the Kewanna Community Food Pantry.

Proceeds from the chicken sales will go towards the church's new handicap bathroom.

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married to a Kewanna alum. All were presented with gifts from the association.

The present officers were once again re-elected.

The group joined in singing the school song, after which Larry Baldwin offered the benediction and led those assembled in the traditional "God Be With You Til Me Meet Again".

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Oldest Alum – Helen Kissinger Miller, class of 1935, was the oldest alumnus present at Saturday's reunion of KHS grads. Don Metzger, also a member of the class of 1935, was present for the occasion.

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Twenty-five Year Class – Rhonda Hoff Lockhart, right, was the only member of the class of 1981 present for this year's alumni banquet. She is pictured here with the class sponsor Diana Donathen. Rhonda was also the youngest alum present.



Local Laundromat to Reopen Tomorrow

The local laundromat at 204 North Logan Street will reopen tomorrow (Friday) May 26.

The former Kenmar Suds Station has been purchased and refurbished by Cliff Bragdon of here and will be called Cliff's Laundry. Operating hours will be 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

The laundry was previously owned and operated by Martha Ann and the late Kenny Cook.

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Annual Rummage Rumble Set for June 17

Kewanna's annual Rummage Rumble, the community-wide garage/yard sale day, has been set for Saturday, June 17. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those wishing to participate and have their sale put on the map to be distributed may sign up at Kewanna Pro Hardware, the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library, or the Kewanna branch of the Community State Bank.

The annual event is sponsored by Kewanna H.E.A.R.T. The group would appreciate donations to help cover the cost of advertising in several area newspapers and radio stations.

For more information, call Bev Baldwin at 574-653-2622 or Sheri Cook at 574-653-9919 or 574-653-2029.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AT LAKE BRUCE

Once again this summer there will be community church services at the Lake Bruce L'Abri Pavilion. Services will be held at 8:00 a.m. on May 28, July 2, July 30, and Sept. 3, 2006.

This year Rob Wingerter will be presenting a series based on Mark 12:30, the great commandment to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength". Each of the four Sunday messages will explore one of the facets of loving God—heart, soul, mind and strength.

The Lake Bruce services are non denominational and are open to anyone.

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Free Movie at Lake Bruce

The Chronicles of Narnia – The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe will be shown Saturday evening, May 27, at Lake Bruce. The movie will be shown outdoors on a 9 x 11 foot screen under the L'abri Pavilion starting at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair and some popcorn and enjoy the show, weather permitting.

The pavilion is located at 1574 N 1125 W, on the east side of Lake Bruce.

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Fish and Chicken Dinner at Fulton

The Fulton Athletic League will serve an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken dinner Saturday, June 10, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fulton Liberty Park. The cost of the meal is \$6.50 for adults in advance or \$7 at the door and \$4.50 in advance for children 6-12 or \$5 at the door. Children age five and under may eat free. The fish and chicken will be prepared by Ernie Hiatt.

Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, May 28

The Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department will serve its annual all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, May 28, at the fire station. Serving will be from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation.

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Fish and Chicken Supper at Grass Creek

The Grass Creek Lions Club will serve a fish and chicken supper Saturday, June 3, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grass Creek Fire Station. The cost of the meal will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6-12. Children five and under may eat free of charge. Dessert will be included with the meal and carry-outs will be available.

Dan's Frying Service of Huntington will prepare the fish and chicken.

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Caston Physicals

Caston will be offering physicals for athletes in grades 5-12 from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, and 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, in the high school.

The sign-up will be held outside the girls' varsity locker room. The cost is \$10 and checks should be made payable to Jean Herd. Physical forms are available in the high school office.

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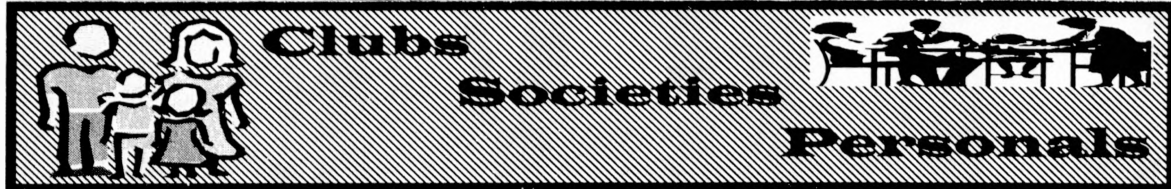


Fifty Year Class – Twelve members of the Kewanna High School graduating class of 1956 were present for Saturday's alumni banquet. They are, front

row, left to right, Jerry Sisinger, Katherine Williamson Brown, John Bauman, Jody Ness Johnson, Larry Mason and Ronald Talbott; and back row,

Dale Kubicki, Lloyd Dewey, J Masteller, Fred Hines, Larry Murhling and Mary Esther Weirick.

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Colonial Dames Meet at Indian Head

The May meeting of the Tristram Coffin Chapter of the Colonial Dames XVII was held recently at the Indian Head Restaurant in Winamac.

This first meeting of 2006 was called to order by the president, Betty Doll. Sara Houpt gave the invocation and Kristin Stanley reported on the state conference held in February in Indianapolis. The Tristram Coffin Chapter received a second place Merit Award and a Certificate of Veteran's Service.

Mary Jane Zellers, Sara Houpt and Kristin Stanley were elected to the nominating committee.

Sara Houpt gave a program on "The Life of the Eccentric Reformer, Cary Nation."

The group will meet July 8 at the same location at which time officers will be elected.

Present for the May meeting were Kristin Stanley, Sara Houpt, Marjorie Kilander, Janis Griffith, Betty Doll and guest Bessie Starrick.

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Child Evangelism to Celebrate Anniversary

The Northcentral Child Evangelism Fellowship will celebrate its 50th anniversary Saturday, June 24, at the Manitou Banquet Center, Rochester. A

buffet dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5. For tickets, contact the Child Evangelism office at 574-892-6510 or the Antioch Baptist Church at 574-223-9800. The Stutzman Family will provide the entertainment.

Proceeds will benefit children's ministries in Fulton and Pulaski counties.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Sports Memorabilia Show: May 25-27 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: Thurs. 2 to 8 p.m.; Fri. noon to 7:30 p.m.; and Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Poetry Reading: May 27 in the Old National Bank Grand Hall.

Indianapolis Charity Horse Show: May 31 - June 3 in the Pepsi Coliseum and West Pavilion. Hours: Wed. 7 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Admission: \$4 for evening sessions.

Indiana Motor Truck Association Truck Rodeo: June 3 in the Midway lot and Northwest Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free.

Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show: June 2-4 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. 1 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indiana Christian Expo: June 2-4 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion &

Champions Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 4 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sun. noon to 4 p.m. Admission: show free, concert \$10.

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Veterans Program at Museum

Paul "Red" Davidson, Leiters Ford, will tell about his experiences in World War II at the Fulton County Museum Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m. Veterans of all wars are urged to attend and will be honored. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

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VFW May Activities

May 13 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

May 16 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

May 17 - Ladies Auxiliary card drawing, 7 p.m.

May 23 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

May 28 - Open Sunday. Free food and cards

May 29 - Memorial Day. Post open.

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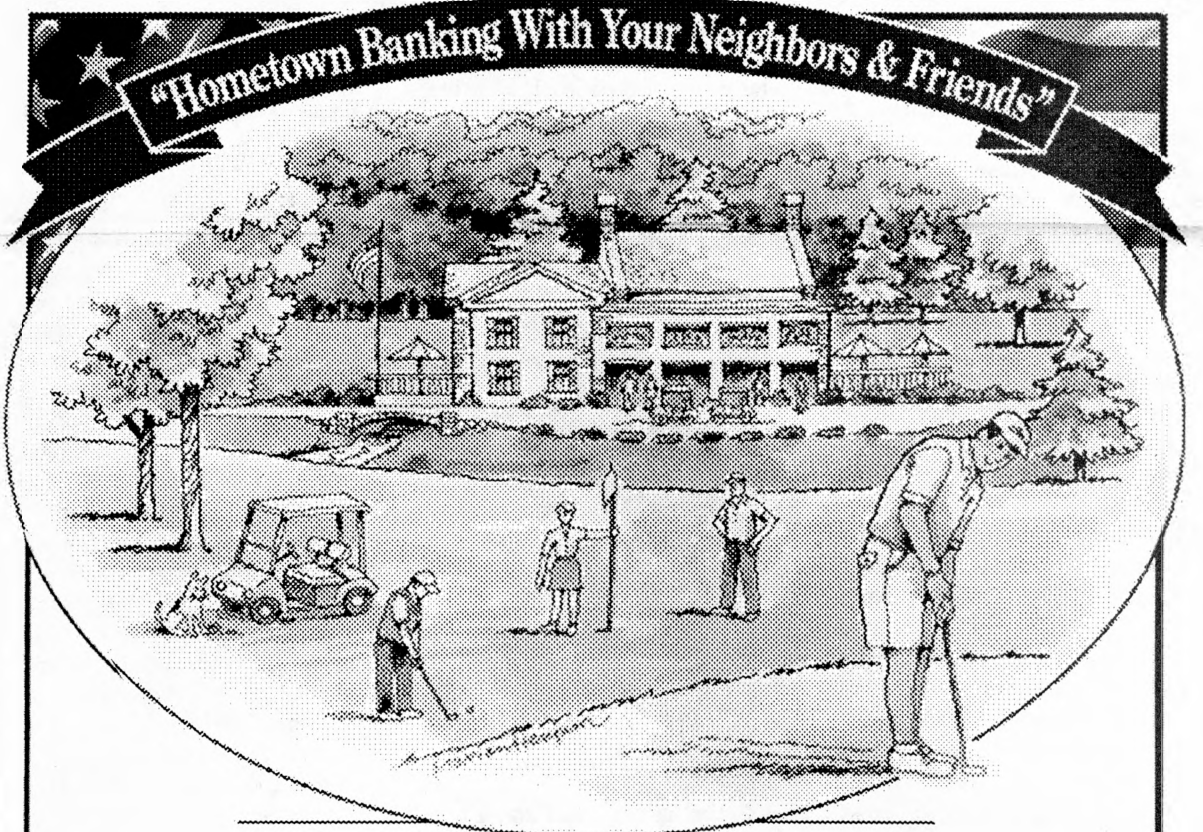
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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

May 15
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Dismissals – Charles Heeter, Crystal Tilton and daughter, Clair Strong, Diana Harmon and Marilyn Harts, Rochester
Births – Christopher and Melissa Davidson, Rochester, a daughter
May 16
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Betty Slade, Rochester
May 17
Admissions – Melvin Beam, Argos; Clarence Tharp, Rochester; Virginia Smith, Fulton
Dismissals – none published
May 18
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Robert Stambaugh and Melissa Davidson and daughter, Rochester
May 19
Admissions – none published
Dismissals – Willard Ege, Macy

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

May 12
Admissions – John Bradley, Medaryville
Dismissals – Tequia Hollen and son, Bryson Mickey Hunter, Winamac
May 13
Admissions – Ben Hawes and Thomas Burke, Winamac
Dismissals – Mary Lovely and daughter, Theresa Ruth White, Hamlet; Lonnie Howard, North Judson
Births – Jason Lee and Sarah Jean (Clemons) Selby, Knox, a daughter, Jersey Ann Selby
May 14
Admissions – Ralph Clark and Julie Chumley, Winamac
Dismissals – Elnora Jordan, Ralph Good and Trina Fulmer and son, Cooper Ellis, Winamac; Sarah Selby and daughter, Jersey Ann, Knox
May 15
Admissions – Paul Hopkins, Rochester
Dismissals – Madolynne Werner, Winamac

Births – Christina Jean Taylor, San Pierre, a daughter, Madison Siera Taylor; Jeffrey Scott Attinger and Julie Nicole Chumley, Winamac, a daughter, Kylie Nicole Attinger
May 16
Admissions – Carolyn Eskridge and Ronald Clark, Winamac; Paul Weaver, Monterey
Dismissals – Infant Keegen James Glen Reinhold, Ben Hawes, Ralph Clark, Rosemary Watts and Thomas Burke, Winamac; Infant Mackenzie Louise Ruff, Royal Center
May 17
Admissions – Nicole Carpenter, Winamac
Dismissals – Julie Chumley and daughter, Kylie Nicole Attinger, Winamac; Christina Taylor and daughter, Madison Siera, San Pierre
Births – Jason Joseph Louis Simon and Shelby Faye Fisher, Knox, a daughter, Hailey Allyson Payge Simon
May 18
Admissions – Terry Warrick, Medaryville
Dismissals – Nicole Carpenter, Winamac; John Bradley, Medaryville; Paul Hopkins, Rensselaer; Shelly Fisher and daughter, Hailey Allyson Payge Simon, Knox

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DEATHS.....

ELIZABETH (PINDER) SLOCUM

Elizabeth (Pinder) Slocum, 50, Culver, passed away in the overnight hours of Tuesday, May 23, 2006 of complications due to liver and kidney failure.

She was born October 6, 1955, in Rochester to Edward G. and Lora (Clemons) Pinder. She graduated from Culver Community High School in 1974. After graduation, she moved to the East Coast returning home occasionally, as her mother put it, to "get a dose of reality". She also

lived in Texas before returning home to Culver in 1979, working for the family at Pinder's Restaurant. She would never move away from Culver for the rest of her life.

Elizabeth met her husband, Michael David Slocum, at her 25th high school class reunion. They wed at Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church on May 13, 1990, and she gave birth to a son, Jordan Joshua, on November 13, 1990. She formally adopted her husband's son from a previous marriage, Michael Paul.

After marriage and a child, Elizabeth decided to return to college, earning her Associates Degree from Ancilla College before earning her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1997. She took her first and last teaching job at Culver Community High School in 1998, where she taught choir and English until her death. Always working for those who needed it the most, she attracted the students who came from the worst of circumstances, and connected with those who had rarely connected with a teacher before. Her job and her family were her life in her final years, and she will be sorely missed by those who knew her as a family member, a mentor, and a friend.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael D. Slocum, her aunt, Jeanette Clemons, and three of her four grandparents. She is survived by her parents, Edward G. and Lora Pinder of Culver; her grandmother, Fay Pinder of Kewanee; her siblings, Julie (Pinder) Richter of LaPorte,

Cheryl (Pinder) Bruno of Doylestown, PA, and Edward J. Pinder of Culver; and her children, Michael P. Slocum of Big Rapids, MI and Jordan Slocum of Culver. She is also survived by four nieces, three nephews and a host of cousins.

Family and friends may visit from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006 at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 26, in the Culver Community High School Auditorium, followed by her burial in the Culver Masonic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Culver Music Boosters Club or the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Culver.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonine-odom.com.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, May 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the PMH conference center. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

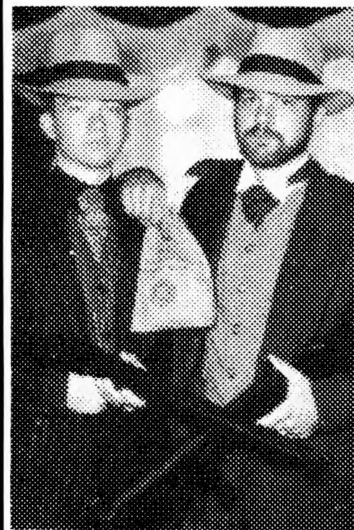
The Living with Grief Support Group will meet Thursday, June 1, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the PMH Hospice Center. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Before attending the

group experience, it is highly suggested that you meet with the grief counselor alone to assess your individual needs. Call 574-946-2180.

PMH will sponsor a sports physical fair Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is open to athletes from all local schools. The athletes must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost of the physical is \$5. Call 574-946-2157 to schedule an appointment.

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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO May 25, 1951

The Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches will conduct daily vacation Bible school May 28 through June 8 at the Methodist church. Rev. W.R. Sale will be the director. Mrs. Charles Henning will be the pianist for the school.

Rev. Elum E. Gault graduated May 22 from the Bonebrake Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gault of the Fletchers Lake Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Silburn and guests enjoyed a leisurely afternoon drive last Sunday. Shortly after their arrival home, a bolt of lightning hit a tree behind their barn, traveled through an electric fence to a control box in the barn and then entered their house through the electric cord on the refrigerator. Mr. Silburn, who was in the chicken house at the time, was stunned for two or three minutes. Flashes of fire danced around the kitchen and a kitchen window was shattered. Fortunately no one suffered any lasting discomfort and power was restored by the REMC.

Lewis Wood, acting postmaster, has announced the approval of an application for a hand-operated automatic canceling machine to be

used in the postoffice here. Delivery is expected within the next 90 days.

Kenneth Freels, Rt. 2, Kewanna, suffered skin abrasions on the right side of his face and his right leg in an accident May 17. Marion Grandstaff, Logansport, driver of a truck lost control of the vehicle on State Road 14 east of Rochester and just west of the Erie crossing. The truck skidded 60 feet, crashed through a fence on the John B. Davis farm, and rolled over, coming to rest on all four wheels.

Joe Williams, who lives on a farm east of Fulton, is recovering from injuries he received several days ago when kicked by a cow. Williams was attempting to milk the cow when it kicked him in the back of the neck. He was dazed for several minutes but made his way to the house where he was then taken to a doctor's office.

Mrs. Ruth Talbott, Kewanna, was rushed to Memorial Hospital, Logansport, Saturday morning by her attending physician, Dr. K.K. Kraning. At noon, Dr. Viney performed an emergency appendectomy. The operation was successful and Ruth is resting comfortably. Her children are being cared for by her mother and sister while she is bedfast.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 24, 1956

Harrison Crabill Sr., Rochester, formerly of Lake Bruce, celebrated his 89th birthday Wednesday. Crabill came to Fulton county in

1916 from Whitley county. He ran a general store at Lake Bruce for many years, moving to Rochester 12 years ago.

The Don Moore American Legion Post of Kewanna will hold Memorial Day services at the Grass Creek and Kewanna cemeteries Sunday, May 27. The Grass Creek services will be at 2 p.m. with Rev. L. K. McKinley of the EUB church as the speaker. The Grass Creek High School band will furnish the music. Services at Kewanna will be at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. James Thomas of the Pleasant Hill EUB Church. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be in the parade, headed by the Kewanna High School Band.

Twin daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Orlyn Master of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Fern Master of Kewanna is the paternal grandmother.

The Miller Studio in Fulton is displaying some fine oil paintings done by a local artist, Mr. William Abbott. Abbott, who operates a welding shop, has been painting for 25 years in his spare time. He has raised 15 children, two of whom lost their lives while serving in the Armed Forces. Wilbur was killed in Korea and Eldon died in France.

Robert Knicker, brother of Mrs. Harold Hickie; Thomas Hickie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickie; and Christie Hickie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hickie underwent tonsillectomies in Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, Monday. All are doing fine.

Mary Rainey of Rt. 3, Kewanna, underwent an appendectomy at Osteopathic Hospital in South Bend Thursday and is recuperating at home.

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The Fulton Assembly No. 92, Order of Rainbow for Girls, met recently in the Masonic Temple for its regular monthly meeting. Election of officers was held with Kate McKinney, Kewanna, being elected Worthy Advisor.

report by Danny Walsh and Fred Bauman led the group in singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whiteman entertained at a graduation party honoring their daughter Karen who graduated from Kewanna High School Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yount, Mrs. Frank Greer and Connie, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer attended a belling in Athens Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sheetz.

Mrs. David Hill and former classmates of Miss Connie Brown were hostesses at a wedding shower held Saturday evening in the Grass Creek EUB Church. Miss Brown and Jerry Jones will be married June 3.

FORTY YEARS AGO

May 26, 1966

Rev. Loyd Overmyer, former Lake Bruce resident, has been assigned to churches at Goblesville and Beech Grove, near Huntington by the Evangelical United Brethren annual conference. Rev. Overmyer previously operated a garage at Lake Bruce and entered the ministry in 1940.

Thomas Troutman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Troutman, Rt. 3, Kewanna, has been named valedictorian of the 1966 graduating class at Kewanna High School. Philip Troutman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troutman, Rt. 3, Kewanna, cousin of Tom, has been named salutatorian.

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Cub Scouts Hold Pack Meeting

Cub Scout Pack #3215 met May 21 in the Caston Educational Center Library. The Cubmaster, Anita Doan, called the meeting to order with the Cubs leading the pledge to the flag, as well as repeating the Cub Scout promise.

Debbie Holliman, Tiger Den leader, presented the following awards as well as pack graduation certificates:

Brett Milburn – Leave No Trace award; Tiger Cub badge; Tiger track beads and Bobcat badge and pin

Dakota Townsend – Tiger Cub badge and pin; Tiger Track beads; Bobcat badge and pin and belt loops for art, chess, citizenship, collecting, computers, heritage, music, baseball, basketball, bicycling, bowling, fishing, physical fitness, roller skating, swimming and weather

Efrain Amezcua – Tiger Cub badge and pin; Tiger Track beads; Bobcat badge and pin; Leave No Trace Awareness award; and belt loops for computers, heritage, baseball, basketball, soccer, bowling, physical fitness and language and culture

Matthew Holliman – Leave No Trace award; Tiger Cub badge and pin; Tiger Tracks beads; Bobcat badge and pin; and belt loops for art, heritage, collecting and language and culture

Robert van der Leek – Tiger Cub badge and pin; Tiger Tracks

beads; Bobcat badge and pin; and belt loops for snow ski, soccer and swimming

Zachary Slocum – Tiger Cub badge and pin; Tiger Track beads and Bobcat badge and pin

Brett, Efrain and Matthew were recognized for completing all 50 different electives.

The Cubmaster presented awards and certificates to members of the Wolf Den in the absence of their leader, Chuck Smith. Receiving awards were:

Kyler Spencer – three gold beads; Wolf badge and pin; gold arrow and belt loops for communication, citizenship, computers and music

Michael Smith – Wolf badge and pin

Jacob Maroney – Wolf badge and pin

Devin Niver – Wolf badge and pin, and belt loops for communication, computers, baseball, bicycling, bowling, fishing and roller skating

Mrs. Doan also recognized Julie Spencer for being the assistant Cubmaster. She thanked her for her dedication and help with pack activities.

Tana Garver, Bear Den leader, presented the following awards:

Trey Doan – Bear badge and pin; seven gold arrows, three silver arrows; 75th anniversary award and Leave No Trace award

Brandon Garver – Bear badge and pin

Tucker Shriver – Bear badge and pin

The Webelos leader, Melissa Harvey, presented awards as well as told of their activities. The Webelos had numerous Earth Day activities. One of their service projects was cleaning the roadside and Kewanna park. They collected 11 bags of trash. They also reported that they, along with the Bears Den, recycled at the Pioneer Recycle Day. They were reminded that they will also recycle at Pioneer Elementary on June 10 from 9 a.m. to noon EDT.

The Webelos awards included: Derek Berkshire – compass point emblem; and sportsman, readyman, naturalist and traveler pins

Austin Fultz – compass point emblem; and sportsman, readyman, naturalist and traveler pins

Chad French – compass point emblem; and sportsman, readyman, naturalist and traveler pins

Daniel Jones – compass point emblem; and sportsman, readyman, naturalist and traveler pins

Austin Goforth – compass point emblem; and sportsman, readyman and naturalist pins

Mrs. Doan reminded the Cubs about resident camp July 13-16 as well as day camp at Camp Buffalo. Interested Cub Scouts can get more information from Julie Spencer.

The Cubmaster also recognized the leaders with certificates of appreciation. She reminded the

Bears and Webelos of the Indiana Beach outing after school on May 26.

The Cubs excitedly checked their tickets to see who received the prizes in the drawings. Refreshments were served and all were wished a fun and busy summer and were reminded to "Do Your Best" always.

Millie Redweik
Committee Chairman
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Filing Deadline

According to Fulton County Auditor Denise Bonnell June 12 is the deadline for filing for the following tax deductions:

- mortgage deduction
- age 65 deduction
- blind or disabled deduction
- all veteran's deductions
- geothermal energy/heating/cooling device deduction
- hydroelectric power device deduction

Persons filing for the deductions must have owned their real estate as of March 1, 2005. There are also other restrictions. For more information, call the auditor's office at 574-223-2912.

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Kewanna Locals

Jerry and Kay Brown and her sister, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg, attended the Kewanna High School alumni banquet Saturday evening at St. Ann's Catholic Church. In the afternoon they attended a get-together of members of the class of 1956 at the home of Larry and Kay Murhling in Rochester.

Kerry Brown of Rushville was a Sunday evening and overnight guest of his parents, Jerry and Kay Brown.

Ruth Cogdill's Mother's Day started with cards and flowers on Saturday, May 13. Sunday she received many phone calls wishing her a "Happy Mother's Day". Tuesday morning, her daughter, Jane Teeter of Bluffton and her son, Tim, of Macy arrived early for a belated Mother's Day visit. Tuesday evening, Ruth was a guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki, and Mother's Day was again celebrated with gifts and a meal.

Helen Whiteman and her daughter, Dr. Cindy Parker, were in Indianapolis Tuesday on business.

Kevin Whiteman spent Thursday evening here mowing the lawn for his mother, Helen Whiteman, and stayed for supper.

Person's celebrating birthdays next week include: Pam Agnew and Brandi Thomas, May 28; Jim French, Justin Gregor, Brenda Rice, David Talbott and Jonathon Wilson, May 29; Forrest Baker, Nicole Blume, Tim Carlson, Brian Evers and Megan Ingram, May 30; Wade Bussert, Grace Buswell, Angie Garbison, Alex Howdeshell, Samantha Nikolich and Graham Redweik, May 31; Hannah Gowens, Dominick Ricks and Mable Wolfe, June 1; Kim Boyer, Ken Haimbaugh, Linda Hawkey and Bill Davies, June 2; and Mike Brown, June 3. Couples celebrating anniversaries include: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Good and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tomerlin, June 1; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Molitor, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nellans and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Urbin, June 2; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bauman, June 3.

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The News In Brief

The Fulton County Park and Recreation Board will meet Wednesday, June 7, at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The public is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be July 5 at the same location.

All Fulton County government offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

The Observer office and town clerk-treasurer's office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

James M. Barkdull of Plymouth has been installed as the 156th Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Indiana.

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Eat Your Heart Out, Chuckie Cheese

Samantha Ricci is standing beside a chainsaw-carved yellow sponge mushroom. Thanks to Mother Nature, Sam's "Pawpaw" (aka Martin Van Meter) has two of these mushrooms on his farm. After seeing Chuck Baldwin's picture in The Observer a few weeks ago, Samantha and Martin had to show him up noting that their mushrooms need a chain saw to cut them down!

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Caston Hires New Basketball Coaches

Caston School Corporation recently hired new boys' and girls' varsity basketball coaches.

Brett Eberly will replace Ryan Bales who resigned to take the head coaching position at South Newton, his alma mater. Michelle Wegner, a graduate of Winamac Community High School and St. Joseph's College, will take over

coaching the Lady Comets from Don King. Wegner studied chemistry with a minor in secondary education.

Eberly graduated in 2000 from Huntington University where he studied physical education and health. He was the freshman and JV coach at Columbia City High School for four years before being promoted to assistant varsity coach the last two years.

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An Outdoor Room to Enjoy the "Main View"

Bob and Karen Fawcett, owners of the Main View Inn located in North Manchester have recently begun a new chapter in Main View Inn history by adding an additional establishment at the South Shore Golf Course located near Syracuse, Indiana.

Although the new Main View Inn at South Shore Golf Course boasts beautiful views and ample seating, the patio area cried for attention. Realizing this outdoor space could be utilized for additional dining space and entertaining for parties, catered events and wedding receptions, the area was a top priority to renovate for the Fawcetts. "We knew this patio could be an asset to the restaurant. There was a huge half circle flower bed with nothing in it but thistles and invasive ribbon grass. I wanted some landscaping to define the patio area and separate it a bit from the golf course. We wanted lots of color and texture to look at from inside [the restaurant]," Karen Fawcett relates. Referring to the restaurant's large bank of windows that overlook the golf course, Fawcett shared, "The restaurant and patio overlook the 10th green and we didn't want to block the view with the landscaping, so it would need to be three feet tall or less; no trees. We were hoping for a fountain of some kind to add relaxing sound to the patio. I wanted an area that I could sit at for an hour in the afternoon and read a book if I had a break in the middle of the day. Low maintenance plants that would be easy to take care of were needed, too."

Fawcett decided to have local landscape designer Leesa Metzger, Metzger Landscaping and Design, LLC evaluate the project. The North Manchester landscape designer met with Karen Fawcett at South Shore Golf Course to assess the patio area. Fawcett gave Metzger their landscaping "wish list" and it was decided that a weed control application would need to be done immediately. Fawcett said, "I felt comfortable working with Leesa because she has done work for us in the past that we were very pleased with. I knew she would come up with creative

ideas to help us solve the problems we needed taken care of before opening the new restaurant at South Shore."

At the next meeting Metzger shared a landscape plan with the Fawcetts that transformed the area into an outdoor room. The Fawcetts were excited about the plan and wanted to begin the project as soon as possible. The landscape plan Metzger devised addressed all of the Fawcetts' concerns. A border of seven Weigela "Wine 'n Roses" at the back of the bed define the area, create unity and can be easily kept at three feet in height. Season long burgundy leaves of the Weigela add constant color and separate the 10th green from the patio without blocking the grand view of the golf course. A bright color palette of yellow, hot pink, and purple was chosen by the designer to create a dramatic backdrop of color for the patio. A custom boulder fountain that was designed and built by Metzger Landscaping serves as a dramatic focal point while complementing the natural vistas of the surrounding golf course. The underground water reservoir is an essential safety aspect of the fountain, and a smart choice due to its placement in public space. When asked about the choice of fountains, Metzger shares, "I felt a traditional large fountain with a shallow open body of water could be a liability because small children will often be present at events held at the restaurant. The sound of the fountain designed for the Fawcetts' South Shore Main View Inn Restaurant will draw golfers off the green and into the restaurant like a magnet." Fawcett quickly added, "The sound of the water splashing on the boulders creates just the right atmosphere we were looking for, and it flows with the natural outdoor feel of the golf course. I've never seen anything like it and I wanted something unique and special for our focal point. We love it and get compliments all the time."

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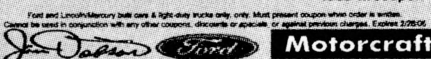
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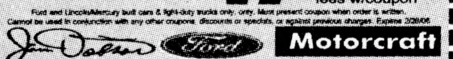
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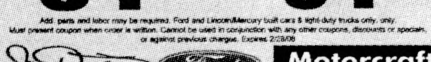
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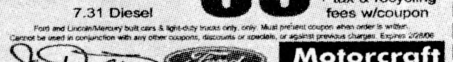
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Fulton County Construction Planned

Rep. Gutwein Announces Final Major Moves Road Projects
 (STATEHOUSE) May 19, 2006 – State Representative Eric A. Gutwein (R-Rensselaer) today announced the final list of Major Moves highway projects in Fulton County. The fully-funded program includes the long-awaited resurfacing project on SR 14.

“With this money finally in the bank, we can guarantee our projects will be completed with the benefit of having any taxes levied for construction,” said Rep. Gutwein. “These projects are important to citizens and our local economy. Major Moves is a huge economic opportunity for Hoosiers.”

In March, Rep. Gutwein and other members of the Indiana General Assembly approved Major Moves, legislation which doubled the amount of new highway construction projects in the state over the next 10 years – without raising taxes. Major Moves resolves a huge highway funding problem that, until now, no one else had solved.

“Fulton County will see an

additional \$1.08 million in funding dedicated to local street and road improvements,” said Rep. Gutwein. “This is money generated for local transportation projects in Fulton County during the next two years.”

With a Great Lakes port, maritime centers along the Ohio River, a vast network of rail lines and several major airports, Indiana is becoming known as a logistics and distribution state. The highway system and local roads are critical in linking the entire network.

“Major Moves is the largest transportation program Indiana has ever experienced,” said Governor Mitch Daniels. “Representative Gutwein was a key player in making this program a reality.”

Known as the “Crossroads of America,” Indiana is quickly moving towards becoming the crossroads of the world. A first-class transportation system is Indiana’s competitive advantage in the global economy.

Rep. Gutwein wants local Hoosiers to contact him with questions or concerns through email at h16@in.gov, or by calling the Statehouse toll-free at 1-800-382-9841. It is also possible to write him at 200 W. Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204. For more information on the Major Moves 10-year plan please visit the Indiana Department of Transportation’s Web site at <http://www.in.gov/dot/div/projects/tenyear/>.

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2006 Resurfacing Projects in Fulton County

- SR 14 From SR 17 to US 31 – Estimated Cost: \$1,600,000
- Subtotal: \$1,600,000

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- Fulton County
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- Rochester \$88,500
- Subtotal: \$1,081,000

Grand total Benton County receives: \$2,681,000

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business. A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for June 14, call 574-223-3326.

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 FUND # 391

WHEREAS, Public Law 44-1984 (I.C. 36-9-14.5) allows counties to re-establish the county cumulative capital development fund; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fulton by and through its Fiscal Body, the County Council, finds that such fund is necessary and prudent for the financial well being of the county; and

WHEREAS, public hearing was held and public comment was considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fulton County Council, of the County of Fulton, State of Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. That there is hereby re-established the Fulton County Cumulative Capital Development Fund pursuant to the purposes of I.C. 36-9-14.5.

Section 2. That an ad valorem property tax levy will be imposed and the revenues from the levy will be retained in the Fulton County Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Section 3. That the maximum rate of levy under Section 2 of this ordinance will not

exceed .0333 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

Section 4. That the funds accumulated in the Fulton County Cumulative Capital Development Fund will be to provide funds for the provisions listed in I.C. 36-9-14.5-2.

Section 5. Notwithstanding Section 4 of this ordinance, funds accumulated in the Fulton County Cumulative Development Fund may be used for purposes other than the purposes stated in Section 4 if the purpose is to protect the public health, welfare or safety in an emergency situation which demands immediate action. Money may be spent under that authority of this emergency section only after the Board of Commissioners issues a declaration that the public health, welfare, or safety is in immediate danger and that the emergency requires the expenditure of money in said fund.

Section 6. This fund takes effect upon approval of the State Board of Tax Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 36-9-14.5.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2006.

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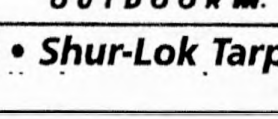
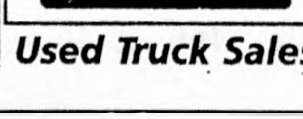
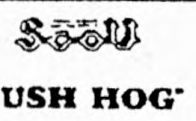
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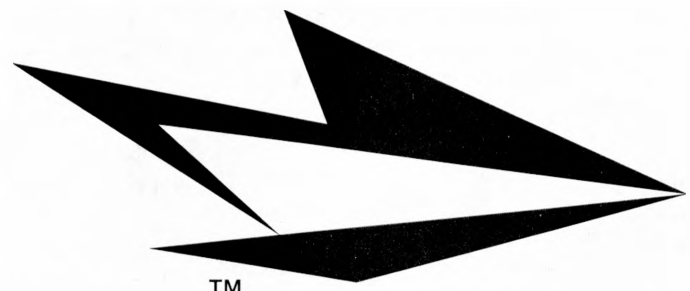
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